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SUBJ: ATTEMPT TO OPEN PRG OFFICE GENEVA

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1. GVN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED US THAT GVN CALLED IN SWISS CHARGE' AND MADE DEMARCHE ALONG LINES REF A. SIMILAR DEMARCHE HAS BEEN MADE BY AMB LOI TO SWISSAMBASSADOR IN GENEVA.

2. MINISTRY HAS JUST RECEIVED REPORT FROM AMB AN IN BERN ON HIS DEMARCHE TO DIRECTOR OF IO BUREAU IN SWISS FOREIGN MINISTRY. DIRECTOR OF IO BUREAU TOLD LOI THAT UN SECRETARY GENERAL "INSISTED" ON GOS PERMITTING ESTABLISHMENT "PRG" OFFICE ACCREDITED TO UN IN GENEVA. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES GOS WAS IN "DILEMMA" BETWEEN FRIENDSHIP FOR RVN AND NEED TO COOPERATE WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL. GOS HAD THEREFORE DECIDED ON COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD GIVE "PRG" AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH "LIAISON OFFICE" IN GENEVA WHICH WOULD HAVE CONTACTS ONLY WITH HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS. THIS WOULD BE INSTEAD OF AN OBSERVER MISSION. LIAISON OFFICE WOULD HAVE MINIMAL STATUS AND NO DIPLOMATIC STATUS. IT WOULD HOWEVER HAVE THE RIGHT OF INVIOABILITY OF ITS QUARTERS AND RIGHT

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TO SEND AND RECEIVE CODED COMMUNICATIONS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER BAC IS INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR AN TO INFORM GOS THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPTABLE TO GVN.

4. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY BERN MAY WISH WEIGH IN WITH GOS DRAWING ON REF B AND REF C AND POINTING OUT (A) THAT ANY FORM OF PRESENCE IN GENEVA WOULD BE USED BY "PRG" FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES HOSTILE TO U.S. AND (B) THAT "PRG" IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE UN SYSTEM, IS NOT A STATE, BUT IS IN FACT ONLY A CREATURE OF NORTH VIETNAM.

5. WE BELIEVE SPEED WITH WHICH PRG SCHEME TO ESTABLISH OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN GENEVA TAKING SHAPE POINTS TO URGENCY IN MAKING DEMARCHE TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM REF B.
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